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dropped because there was no adequate return from those schemes?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTHAVATHSALAM :—"I want notice, Sir."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—"May I point out to the Hon. the Minister for Public Works that the districts of Chingleput and North Arcot are as bad as the Royalaseema in the matter of irrigation facilities and may I know whether the Government have got any schemes in view for being executed in these two districts."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTHAVATHSALAM :—"The Government have been paying necessary attention to these dry districts and we have got schemes for these two districts also."

Admission into the Agricultural and Veterinary Colleges.

* 36 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications districtwar received for admission into the Agricultural and Veterinary Colleges and the number admitted for each district;

(*b*) whether the Government have framed rules governing these admissions;

(*c*) whether selection committees are constituted for the purpose;

(*d*) whether representation to backward districts is ensured by direction to the selecting authorities;

(*e*) whether there is a great demand for seats in these colleges;

(*f*) if the answer to above is in the affirmative, whether the Government have under consideration proposals to open new Agricultural and Veterinary Colleges located in different regions; and

(*g*) whether the number of candidates trained in existing colleges is enough to meet the needs of the post-war development plans?

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—"(*a*) Statements [a] showing the number of applications received and the number of candidates admitted into the Agricultural Colleges at Coimbatore and Bapatla and the Veterinary College, Madras, during 1946–47, from each district are placed on the Table of the House.

"(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

"(*c*) No committees are constituted. The principals of the two Agricultural Colleges together make the selection to the Agricultural Colleges. The Principal of Veterinary College makes the selection to that College.

"(*d*) The needs of the backward districts are always borne in mind when making selections to the Agricultural Colleges.

"(*e*) The answer is in the affirmative.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 306–307 infra.

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"(*f*) There are already two Agricultural Colleges, one at Bapatla and another at Coimbatore. The Government consider that these two colleges are sufficient for the present. There is no proposal to open any more Veterinary Colleges.

"(*g*) The number of candidates that will be trained at the two Agricultural Colleges will be sufficient to meet the needs of the post-war development plans but the number trained at the Veterinary College is not sufficient to meet the demands of the department."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" From the statement furnished by the Hon. Minister I notice that Rayalaseema got only 30 candidates whereas the other Telugu districts got as many as 67. May I ask the Hon. Minister why this small number of admissions compared with the admissions from the other Telugu districts?"

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" We have fixed the quota for the whole Telugu area. We have not differentiated between the Circars and Rayalaseema."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is not necessary to safeguard the interests of the backward areas by fixing a percentage for the backward districts?"

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" I am sorry the Government cannot take each district and taluk into consideration in a matter of this kind. We can take into account only major regional areas."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask, Sir, whether Rayalaseema is not a major regional area? As unfortunately Rayalaseema is clubbed with the other Telugu districts on the ground of language, should not the backward state of that region require special attention?"

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" The Government have taken into account only the language aspect."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" The object of fixing a percentage for these admissions is not only to give representation on a linguistic basis, but also to give representation on a district basis; otherwise, certain districts may get representation and certain others may not get representation although they may be in the same linguistic area. Will the Hon. Minister therefore consider the desirability of further imposing restrictions regarding admission and see that adequate representation is given to all districts and especially the backward districts?"

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" Without imposing additional conditions, the Government will see that all districts get adequate representation."

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SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state why seats are allotted on a linguistic basis? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" Sir, it was done in response to the demand from the hon. Members."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I say that if the demand of the Members is to be met, more seats should be given to Rayalaseema? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" For everything there is a demand. For instance there is the demand of the Andhras and of the Tamils. We have not been able to get a separate Province. There is now this demand for separation from Rayalaseema." (Laughter.)

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask what amount of representation has been given to backward districts in the matter of admission to these colleges, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" The records on hand do not contain the information asked for."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the answer given just now that all districts will be given adequate representation, I wanted to know what representation the backward districts are getting now."

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" That answer was not confined to the Circars. As a matter of fact, Ramnad (the constituency of the Hon. Minister) is a more backward district than the Circars." (Laughter.)

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister collect statistics about representation to backward district and give adequate representation with regard to admissions to colleges on that basis? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" I do not think it will be possible to base the admission on the backwardness of the districts. Population basis will be adopted."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister to tell me why out of 92 applicants from Ceded districts, only three got admission to the Veterinary College? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" There are other considerations also governing the selection."

SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to say whether the principle of merit has been applied in the selection for admission to the Veterinary and Agricultural colleges? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" No, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask whether it is not a fact that the need for more agricultural graduates and

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veterinary graduates in view of the new irrigation schemes is more urgent and necessary for the Ceded districts than for the other districts which are more advanced in regard to irrigation facilities?"

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—"That may be so in the opinion of the hon. Member."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"But is it not a fact, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—"That is not a fact."

MR. R. W. THEOBALD :—"May I ask, Sir, whether it is a fact that ryots consider that they can do these things better than a university trained man?"

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—"I cannot answer this question."

Distribution of groundnut cakes.

* 37 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether orders have been issued under the Madras Manure Dealers Licensing Order in respect of sale of groundnut cake by stockists and producers;

(b) whether the sale and delivery of groundnut cake are to be made only to the Agricultural department;

(c) whether the sole distribution of the cake has been entrusted to village committees;

(d) whether the Agricultural department and the village committees possess the necessary storage facilities;

(e) whether it is a fact that the transport facilities to move stocks from surplus areas to deficit ones are quite insufficient; and

(f) if so, how they propose to solve it?

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJÁ :—"(a) Yes.

"(b) Yes.

"(c) The District and Taluk quotas are allotted by the Director of Agriculture. Village quotas are fixed by the Taluk Committees in consultation with the Agricultural Demonstrator in charge of the taluk. The village committees issue permits to individual ryots who will take delivery of the cake from the Agricultural Depots or sub-depots on payment of cash or against loan granted by the District Agricultural Officer.

"(d) The question of storage facilities for Village Committees for stocking groundnut cake does not arise. The Agricultural Department will make arrangements for getting sufficient accommodation for storing the cake.

"(e) Yes.